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Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 1329 (2000) of 30 November 2000, the Security Council decided, inter alia, to enlarge the membership of the Appeals Chambers of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (the "International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia") and of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (the "International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda"), and, to that end, decided to amend the statutes of the two International Tribunals. In order that the increase in the membership of the Appeals Chambers of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda might be effected at the earliest practicable date, the Security Council also decided, in its resolution 1329 (2000) of 30 November 2000, that two additional judges should be elected as soon as possible as judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

2. Pursuant to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General has the honour to request the inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of an additional item of an important and urgent character entitled "Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of

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Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994". The Secretary-General requests that the item be considered directly in plenary meeting.